

## Dates for the Diary

**Mon 1 April**  
Cyber Safety Presentation

**Tue 2 April**  
Bus Wash Excursion  
Board Meeting

**Fri 5 April**  
Mt Painter Excursion  
Bus Wash Excursion  
Indigenous talks with Adam Shipp

## Reminders

Garden Working Bee  
8.30am—11.30am  
Saturday, 6 April  
All welcome

## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

### PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT

Thank you to the wonderful community volunteers who contributed on the weekend to re-invigorating the sculpture garden in preparation for planting next week (pictured right).

### HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

This year we are engaging with Class Dojo as one of our communication channels. If you have returned your permission form your child will have an account set up and you will receive your personal logon for your child's class. Class Dojo replaces google communities plus, which closes down this week. We have received about ¾ of our school population worth of notes back. We are going to begin using this platform for those who have agreed to participate. If you need another 3rd party permission note, please get one from the Front Office.

Tonight at 6pm we are holding a cyber safety session for parents. It will be presented by ACT policing and industry volunteers and I hope to see many of you there. The session helps you to understand safe and unsafe cyber practices and how to talk to and teach your children about cyber safety.

### STAFFING NEWS

Next term we welcome Kathy who will teach Woggabaliri when Tarni commences maternity leave. Kathy will be working with both the classes in the loft before Tarni finishes.

By now many of you will have met our new executive teacher Veronique. What you might not know is that she is a teacher of French. Commencing next term she will be teaching our senior classes French each week. This language learning will stand our students in good stead as French is one of the languages offered at Canberra High and also UC Lake Ginninderra College.



### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

## Macquarie Directory

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## From our Principal continued ...

### LEADER LEARNING

Last week I attended a Visible Learning Conference on Monday and Tuesday. This conference was based on Professor John Hattie's work on analysing which strategies maximise learning for students and how to develop assessment capable learners. The learning I participated in will be shared with teachers, students and the community in the coming months.

On Thursday and Friday last week Jodie and I attended the ACT Education Directorate's leadership conference, The Leading Edge. We heard Professor Viviane Robinson, Parsi Sahlsberg and Misty Andoniou speak to us about the importance of goal setting, building capacity and teaching quality. The messages aligned with our strategic direction and focus areas for Macquarie including building ourselves as writers, how we operate our school and how we know what learning is happening.

### TEACHER LEARNING

This week teachers are participating in focused mentor sessions with Steve from the University of Canberra to discuss their Teacher Inquiry Project (TIP). This is one of the ways in which teachers at Macquarie continue their professional development and growth each year.

Have a wonderful week.

*Danielle*

## RECIPE

For Harmony Day we cooked Welsh Cakes. They are a traditional warm biscuit cooked on a bake stone or flat grill.

225g self raising flour  
80g butter  
50g castor sugar  
¼ teaspoon mixed spice  
30g sultana  
30g currants  
1 large egg  
Splash of milk



Method:

1. Place the flour, sugar and butter in a mixing bowl and rub the butter into the sugar and flour.
2. Add the mixed spice, sultanas and currants and mix.
3. Add the beaten egg and a splash of milk.
4. Combine by hand adding a little flour if mix is too wet.
5. Roll the dough out on a floured surface to 1cm thickness.
6. Cook on a flat grill or dry pan at a medium heat without oil (approx. 3-5 min per side).

Allow to cool slightly but eat them warm!



## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

If you colour your hair, use plant-derived products.

## NEWS FROM THE P&C

Thanks to everyone who came to the Fundraising and Events meeting last Thursday. We have planned several great events and fundraisers for this year. If you would like to get involved, please email [events.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:events.mpspandc@gmail.com)

### UNIFORM SHOP *Weeks 9 & 10 Sale!*

All second hand items — buy 1 get 1 free.

Discontinued jumpers and pants are only \$10.

### GARDEN WORKING BEE

Thanks to everyone who helped out last Saturday. Please come again this weekend!

8:30 – 11:30am on Saturday, 6 April

Everyone is welcome. Please bring any gardening equipment you can (such as shovels, gardening forks, wheelbarrows or buckets), gardening gloves and a water bottle. Morning tea will be provided.

### CREATIVE AND CRAFTY NIGHT

The P&C will also host a Creative and Crafty night for our upcoming Mothers' Day stall in May. Please come along on Wednesday, 10 April from 6—8.30pm in the meeting room and help us create some beautiful items for the special females in our children's lives.

### WALKATHON *Friday, 12 April*

The walkathon will raise money for an adventure playground. Students have 1 hour to walk a designated track within the school grounds and they need support from family and friends by sponsoring them. Sponsorship forms went home last week, if you don't have one - spare copies are available at the Front Office

**Save the date:** the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 May at 6:30pm.

*Sheree*  
*President*

## SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH BELCONNEN ROTARY CLUB

We thank the Rotary Club for a generous donation to our school. The money will be used to provide staples for student equity.

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
P&C Walkathon—		
Volunteers needed	All families	Response as necessary
P&C Walkathon	All families	Pledges before 12/4
Mount Painter	Kindergarten	Perm & \$5 ASAP
Garden working bee	All families	Response as necessary
Class Dojo	All families	Response ASAP
Bus Wash excursion	Preschool	Perm ASAP
Voluntary contribution	All families	Payment when possible

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS AT MACQUARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to all the families who have provided feedback on the school values via the survey, information board at the front office or through email. You can still do this if you haven't had a chance yet (check last week's newsletter). We appreciate you taking time to do this and hope you will continue to give us feedback as we share our behaviour expectations with you.

Towards the end of last year and early this year students and staff at Macquarie Primary School have been developing a matrix which outlines expected behaviours that support our whole school community to be safe, be respectful and be learners.

Students chose a setting in the school that they were familiar with – we started with settings outside their classrooms such as corridors and the playground. Teachers then supported students to discuss how our community could be safe, be respectful and be learners in that setting. The information from the students was placed in a matrix. We identified which expectations are relevant to all settings and which were specific to a particular setting. Each week we will share two or three settings with you (there are 13 in total).

We welcome feedback and comments about our progress. You can provide feedback via the display in the entry foyer or email [admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au).

This week we are sharing the expectations for *ALL SETTINGS*, *ASSEMBLY* and the *LIBRARY*. Once the expectations are finalised teachers will develop lessons to support a shared understanding and clarity around each.

	ALL SETTINGS	ASSEMBLY	LIBRARY
<b>Be Respectful</b>	We care for our resources We respect the belongings of others We care for others We use respectful language We care for our environment We share with others	We enter and exit the hall quietly We show whole body listening We are quiet and sit still while watching assembly	We are quiet We return resources We use furniture for its intended purpose
<b>Be Safe</b>	We play in areas that are in bounds We play safely We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing We use equipment appropriately		We walk in the library
<b>Be a Learner</b>	We support the learning of others We self-manage	We focus on the presenters	We use the library to support our learning We choose activities that support everyone using the library We put books away neatly with spine facing out We place returned books in the return chute

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## Community Notices



**2019 Term 2 at Macquarie Primary School**

### Week 1 – Week 5

Thursdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Kinder – Yr 2

Wednesdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Yr 3 – Yr 6

Classes to be held in Oasis

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\$70 for the 5 week program

Groups are limited to 10 students

To secure your child's place forms and

**Payment must be received by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

## ANZ HOT SHOTS TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**15 – 18 April 2019**

**Age:** 6 years old and above

**Price:** \$40 Half Day  
\$60 Full day

**When:** Monday – Thursday  
9:00am – 12:00pm (Half Day)  
9:00am – 3:00pm (Full Day)

**Where:** Belconnen Tennis Club, Halloran Close, Macquarie

**To enrol or enquire contact Jeff Gray via email:**  
[tennis@btccoaching.com](mailto:tennis@btccoaching.com)

## TEEN START-UP: INNOVATION GAMES

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**AGES:**  
11- 14

**TIME:**  
9am - 4pm  
Registration  
from  
8.30am

**WHEN:**  
15 & 16  
April

**BOOK NOW:** [www.teenstartupcamp.com.au](http://www.teenstartupcamp.com.au) 02 6163 8300



**BELCONNEN**  
TENNIS CLUB COACHING

## SCHOOL PHOTOS: RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO MASTER SCHOOL PORTRAITS (MSP PHOTOGRAPHY)

On enrolment at Macquarie Primary School you provided the school with personal information that assists us to support the educational needs of your child/ren while they are enrolled in an ACT Government school. The ACT *Information Privacy Act 2014* states that this information cannot be used or released without satisfying certain conditions. MSP Photography will be returning for school photos this year in term 2. They have requested your child's name, student ID and class.

If you do not consent to include your child in this years school photos please complete the slip below and return it to the Front Office as soon as possible.

I **do not** give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ in class/es \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the 2019 school photos.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



## Community Notices continued



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## ACT PARENTS AND CITIZENS AND THE EDUCATION DIRECTORATE WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS

*Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning* is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, what is working well or not working well and who contributes to these. A second workshop with representatives of the P&C Council and the Education Directorate considered the outcomes of the first workshop to help prepare for further conversations with our school community.

We want to make it easy for anyone who wants to have a say to be given the opportunity to be involved. There are two remaining workshops you may wish to attend:

- ⇒ On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm the workshop will explore the key question *"How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?"*
- ⇒ In June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times during the day.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend the 9 May or June workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on [Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au](mailto:Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au) or phone 6205 2912 by 12 April, last day of Term 1.

## Join our Easter Family Night

**FREE**



**Time: 6pm - 8pm**  
**Date: 11 April 2019**

### Activities:

Come and join us for our Easter Family Night and enjoy a free sausage sizzle, circus workshop, disco and dancers, glitter tattoos, games, a bake sale and an appearance from the Easter Bunny plus much more.

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